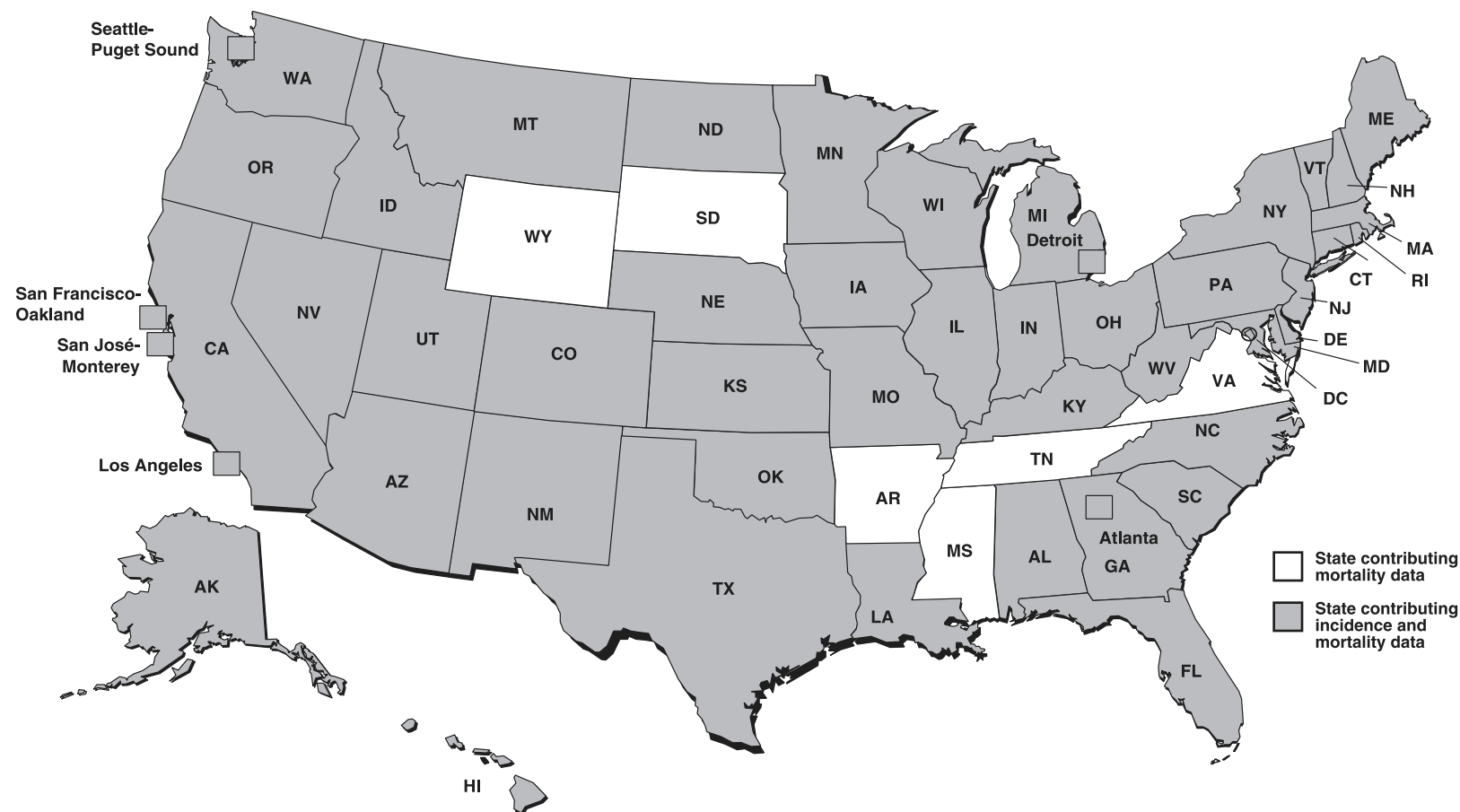


**Figure 1: Geographic Areas Contributing Data to
*United States Cancer Statistics: 2002 Incidence and Mortality***



Note: Shaded areas represent statewide and metropolitan cancer registries that met the following data quality criteria for cancer incidence: case ascertainment is at least 90% complete; > 97% of cases pass a standard set of computerized edits; < 5% of cases were ascertained by death certificate only; < 3% of cases are missing information on sex; < 5% of cases are missing information on race; < 3% of cases are missing information on age. See Appendix I for registry-specific data quality information. Incidence data cover approximately 93% of the U.S. population. Mortality data are from the National Vital Statistics Surveillance System and cover 100% of the U.S. population.